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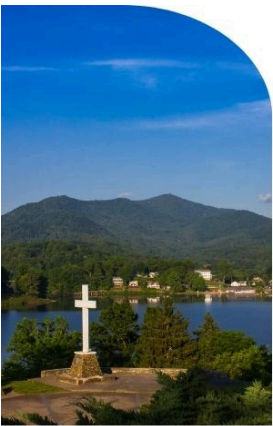
# THE CENTRAL ISSUE

CENTRAL UMC SHELBY IS A SAFE SANCTUARIES CHURCH.

Our MISSION: To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,  
GROW in their faith, and SERVE in the church and world.

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## SAVE THE DATE

CENTRAL FAMILY  
CHURCH - WIDE RETREAT  
JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1, 2026

LAKE JUNALUSKA  
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



### Nursery Volunteers Needed

We have an ongoing need of Nursery Volunteers each Sunday. Please visit our QR code to access the online signup form or sign up at the Welcome Table. If you have not served in the Nursery in a while, please consider volunteering twice a year.

We are still looking to hire a paid nursery workers! If you know anyone interested, please visit [cumcshelby.org/job-openings](http://cumcshelby.org/job-openings) for more information.



### Blessing of the Backpacks

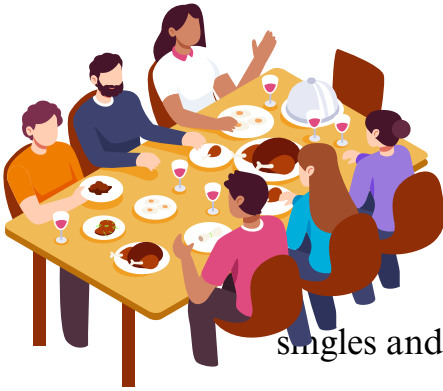
Don't forget the Blessing Of The Backpacks on August 17! Students of all ages, bring your backpacks; teachers, bring your planners; Church, bring your prayerful support to the beginning of this new school year. Join us for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during our church service as they prepare for the upcoming school year.



### Save The Date: Pumpkin Painting

It's that time of year again. Are you thinking of cooler fall days and pumpkins, like me? Please join me in providing another successful pumpkin painting event at the Livermush Festival on **October 18, 2025**. We sign up for 2 hour shifts for that day and help kids have a blast decorating mini pumpkins. We need about 25 volunteers from 6:30 am until 5:30 pm. Please call or text Leigh Mabry at (704) 472-1110 if you can help out. Cool breezes and pumpkin painting will be here soon!

## Central Adult Supper Clubs are Back!



### Open to Everyone

Would you enjoy getting to know other folks here at Central outside of church?

Having a meal together brings a level of fellowship, connection, and encouragement that benefits us all!

Sign up by **August 31** to be put into a group of 8 adults, singles and couples, that will meet 4 times between September and January.

When it is your turn to host or coordinate the supper club you can do it in many ways: have people in your home, choose a restaurant and everyone go “Dutch treat”, order pizza and meet in the church fellowship hall, have everyone bring a sandwich or picnic to a park, go to lunch after church, or even meet for breakfast on a Saturday morning. There are so many ways to build connections and make memories together!

Fill out the Supper Club form on our Linktree or visit [cumcshelby.org/supper-club](http://cumcshelby.org/supper-club) by August 31 to sign up. Any questions, call the church office at 704-487-6336 or email Tammy at [tammy@cumcshelby.org](mailto:tammy@cumcshelby.org).



### Solo Flight

#### Single's Ministry for 50+ Year Olds

This is a non-denominational gathering of Singles for the purpose of Fellowship and Ministry at First Baptist Church in Shelby, NC.

Please come join us this August 22 for our first Friday night Solo Flight get together after our summer break. We meet in the Single's Sunday School Class next to the elevators on the ground floor. There will be signs places around the outside of the church giving directions to the room. The gathering in from 6pm-9pm. Please join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship.

RSVP by text to Lynda Davis (704-473-2268) or Nancy Mercier (704-300-2810)



# Hallway Reflections

## “Thoughts from the Hallway Class



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### What We Take Away

When the music has faded and we put the hymnals back in place, when the last amens have ceased, when we have turned to smile at others in our pew, what will we take away from the service? The music may have been pleasing, our favorite hymn reminding us of earlier times in our life when we had heard it first. The scripture may have caused us to ponder for a moment as we hoped to find meaning in the words. The sanctuary may have been filled with the light of candles and the scent of flowers on the table, but what do we take from this moment of worship?

Did we fidget a little and glance at the clock wondering when this time would end? Did we stray away from the message as we thought about what our plans were for the rest of the day? Did we feel that maybe we were just going through the motions? What do we want to take away from this time or worship in the house of the Lord?

In the song, “*The Heart of Worship*,” the question is addressed with these thoughts:

**Give me something to take home that will bless me.**

**Help me to look into my heart.**

**Let me correct the errors I have made.**

**Help me to remember who is being worshipped.**



This is the heart of worship. Don’t leave with an empty heart. Take God’s love with you. Be assured He is with you for as Psalms 37: tells us:

*“Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.”*

John Greene



# CENTRAL UMC STUDENTS Weekly Update

## Youth Sunday School

Youth Commons Room at 9am

With Katie Bowers

## Sunday Evenings

5:30pm Youth in

Fellowship Hall



## Our Nursery is Hiring!

We are beginning the hiring process for nursery workers! If interested, please visit [cumcshelby.org/job-openings](http://cumcshelby.org/job-openings) for more information.



Nursery is open to all **Babies-PreK** kids. Nursery is offered **Sundays, 9-11 AM** in Room E105.

## Elementary Sunday School

**Sundays 9-9:45am**

4 & Under- Nursery Room E105

K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Godly Play Room E309



## Youth Pool Party

The youth would like to express their gratitude to Shannon King for sharing her beautiful pool with them on Sunday. We had a wonderful time swimming, playing Marco Polo, Sharks and Minnows, and enjoying food and fellowship with each other.



## Youth August Activities

**Saturday, August 16** - Youth Trip to Junaluska for WNC Garden Project. Please meet in the church parking lot ready to leave at 8am this Saturday. We will return around 4:30pm. Please bring water, a packed lunch, and a change of clothes with you.

**Sunday, August 17** - NO YOUTH



JOIN US FOR  
CENTRAL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH'S

# ... Back ... To School ... Bash ...

08 | 27 | 2025

5:15pm-6:30pm

Located in the Uptown Court Square

Hotdogs | Obstacle Course Inflatable | Icy Pops

Free and Fun For All Ages!



### **2025 Stewardship**

2025 Monthly Budget Needs.....\$66,750.33  
Total Receipts in May.....\$71,861.63  
May Expenses.....\$75,200.84  
Over/-- Under for the month.....-\$3,339.21

### **Serving Sunday, August 17, 2025**

#### **Elementary Sunday School Teachers:**

Caroline Scism, Rocky Lutz and Ginny Hughes

#### **Middle School Teachers:**

Katie Bowers and Kelli Dellinger

#### **Greeters**

Jessica and Daniel Talbert

#### **Coffee Time Helpers:**

Evelyn and Mike Ribadeneyra

#### **Coffee Maker:**

Mike Schenck

#### **Welcome Table:**

Ginny and Alan Hughes

#### **Children's Sermon:**

Tammy Bass

#### **Offering Counters**

Casey Young and Stan Anthony

#### **Trustees Lock Up:**

Barbara McLarty

### **Operating: Memorials and Honorariums**

In Memory of Jim and Claudia Lutz by  
Linda and Michael Goforth  
Lucy Rawlings Penegar

In Memory of Claudia Lutz by  
Anne Wray  
Brownie and Bubba Plaster  
Mike and Carol Schenck  
Sue Mauney and Susan Perry  
Giles and Jean Webb  
Robert Yelton

In Memory of Ron Clendening by  
Mike and Carol Schenck

**Music Ministry:**

In Memory of Ron Clendening by  
Barbara Schafer

#### **Columbarium/Prayer Garden:**

In Memory of Claudia Lutz by  
Will and Tina Rucker

In Memory of Jim and Claudia Lutz by  
Kitty Williams

### **August 17 - August 23, 2025**

#### **Calendar of Events**

##### **Sunday**

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship Service  
5:30pm Youth in Fellowship Hall

##### **Monday**

Church Office open 9-2

##### **Tuesday**

Church Office open 9-2  
5:30pm Church Council

##### **Wednesday**

Church Office open 9-2  
6:00pm Chancel Choir  
7:15pm Praise Ensemble

##### **Thursday**

Church Office open 9-2

##### **Friday**

Church Office open 9-2

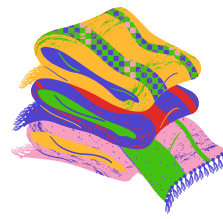
##### **Saturday**

10:30am Open Table Hot Lunch (PAC)

# AUGUST

## BIRTHDAYS

August 14	Bob Yelton
August 15	Tim Rucker
August 15	Amy Lee
August 15	Noah Whicker
August 18	Sergio Noble
August 19	Eleanor Morgan
August 19	Che Tienan



*Prayer Shawl Ministry*

If you have interest in donating a Prayer Shawl or being a part of a Prayer Shawl Group, please let Tammy Bass or Holly Mabry know.



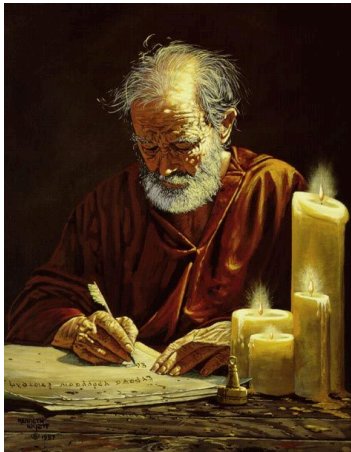
### Have an announcement?

Call or email the church office at [central@cumcshelby.org](mailto:central@cumcshelby.org) by 10am on Wednesdays to have yours included that week.



### Prayer Requests

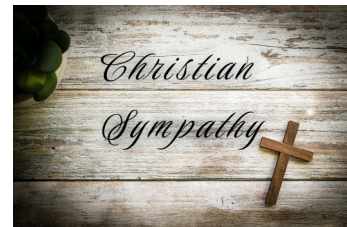
If you have a need or praise that you would like included on our church prayer list, please call or email the church office at [central@cumcshelby.org](mailto:central@cumcshelby.org).



### Daily Devotions and 2025 Sermon Series

You will find "A Yearlong Journey through Luke and Acts Devotions" on our website, <https://cumcshelby.org/devotions> as well as on the "Devotions" section on our app. Pastor David will be preaching from this devotion for the 2025 church year.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor David will begin the book of Acts.



Central UMC extends our deepest sympathies to the family of Jim and Claudia Lutz and the family of Eula Crews.

### Backpack Ministry

We need your help in filling our closet with food for the backpacks we deliver to North Shelby and Shelby Middle each week during the school year. For August, we are requesting Granola Bars. You may drop them off at the office Monday-Friday. 9AM-2 PM. For more info about how to serve, contact Ellen Benfield at [benfield@med.unc.edu](mailto:benfield@med.unc.edu).



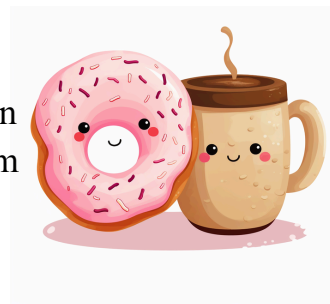




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### Coffee and Donuts

Join us every Sunday OUTSIDE on Washington Street (or in the Fellowship Hall depending on weather) from 9:30-9:55am each Sunday. We hope you'll make plans to join us for food and fellowship.



### Open Table

We are asking for donations of **Bottled Water (any size)**. We'll always take donations of grocery bags. We invite you every Saturday from 8 am to noon to help us provide a free hot meal to our community.

Join our Open Table Remind text group to get updates and information. This is not a group text and you do not have to download the app. Text the message **@otcumc** to the number 81010.

We are a **Safe Sanctuary** and a **Tobacco-Free Campus**. Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all. *Church policy prohibits the use of tobacco products on our church grounds.*  
**Thank you** for your cooperation!!!

PRESCHOOL  
registration



### Kids Place 2025 Registration

Kids Place Preschool Early Registration for the 2025-26 School year is officially open!

You can register online at  
[www.cumcshelby.org/kids-place-preschool](http://www.cumcshelby.org/kids-place-preschool).  
Please feel free to contact Director, Shelley Rempson for any questions! 704-487-6357 or email [kidsplace@cumcshelby.org](mailto:kidsplace@cumcshelby.org)

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